

## MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION – March 29, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a study session on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. in the media center at Central Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor, S. Scott Carlson and Paula H. Hill.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were eight others in attendance.

The following took place during the study session:

1. Representative LaVar Christensen, a member of the House of Representatives, met with the Board. He shared information about the Civic and Character Education program in Utah. Representative Christensen asked the Board to consider making this initiative a priority in the district's curriculum.
2. Representatives from George K. Baum and Associates provided information about bond ratings and answered questions from Board members.
3. Quinn Monson from Y2 Analytics presented the preliminary results and analysis from the community survey they conducted regarding support for a future bond. Initially, 50% of those taking the survey said they would support a bond. However, after receiving more information, the public support increased to 74%.

The decision to gather feedback from the public through community meetings will be determined in the April 19 Board meeting. Based on community feedback, a resolution could be presented to the Board in the August 16 Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – March 29, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the gymnasium at Central Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor and Paula H. Hill.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 80 others in attendance.

Board member Brian Halladay conducted the meeting.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Webelos Pack 24 led the Pledge of Allegiance

## REVERENCE

Sherry Platt offered the reverence  
STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

The following Central Elementary students were recognized for their excellence:

- Eli Walker
- Samuel Adams
- Oakley Sabey
- Daniel Rodriguez
- Kaitlyn Barnes
- Yvonne Perez
- Lily Jane Barnard

#### ALPINE FOUNDATION RECOGNITIONS

Julie Van Dijk, Foundation Board member, presented the “You Make A Difference” awards to the following individuals at Central Elementary:

- Rachel Runge - Volunteer
- Megan Davies - Volunteer
- Shirley Stevenson - Certified Employee
- Natalie Nuttall - Certified Employee
- Kathy Lee - Classified Employee
- Jordan Parkes - Classified Employee

#### PRINCIPAL, PTA, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cory Ludvigson reported that Central Elementary received the 100% Participation Award from the Utah PTA due to the membership of their faculty, staff and administrators. The “Great Artist” program is doing amazing things for the students and the upcoming art show is one of the highlights of the year. Currently, there are 270 students in the lower grades participating in the “You, Me and A Book” program, which allows every child to take home a book in their grade level each day. This program is available because of the great volunteers who donate their time to help the students. The book fair sales have tripled over the last few years with all of the proceeds going back to the school library and classrooms.

Brent Platt reported that the SCC used Trust Land money to purchase new books in the library and to support the Battle of the Books program. This year there were 130 students participating in the Battle of the Books, which was an increase of 30 students over last year. A new music program was funded, a part time music aide was hired and recorders were purchased for the fifth grade students. The program allows online access for parents to see the music the students are practicing. Some of the 2016-17 Trust Land funds will be used to continue supporting these programs. The fifth grade students performed a few songs on their recorders for the audience.

Principal Vicki Carter reported that Central Elementary is a community of learning, focused on continued improvement. They received the National Blue Ribbon School and National Title I School Awards, but their greatest accomplishment is student learning. Principal Carter said their success is due to strong Tier 1 instruction and the desire to learn by professional teachers who work in collaborative teams. Some of the successful programs at Central are Double Dose taught by certified teachers at every grade level, Battle of the Books supported by the SCC, Literacy Week, and the You, Me and a Book program sponsored by the PTA for kindergarten through second grade. These programs help establish students in

lifetime, long term reading habits. Central Elementary is also home to the Christie McCullough Space Center. Field trips to the space center happen at least four days each week and provide opportunities for students in Alpine School District and far beyond.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Paul Crossett, a parent from Mountain View, spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the baseball field owned by Orem City and maintained by Mountain View High. He shared pictures of the damage being done to the field by the public and asked the Board to support the purchase of the field to allow ASD to have control over the scheduling and maintenance.

Julie Walker, the PTA President at Cascade Elementary, spoke to the Board about the need for the school to be rebuilt. The school was originally built in 1967 with an open classroom concept and odd shaped buildings. In 2010, Cascade was the first school to implement the Chinese Immersion program, which has been very successful. Currently, the elementary school has 720 students and it was built for a maximum of 500. Eight classes are being taught in portable trailers that do not have bathrooms. Mrs. Walker requested that the Board add the rebuilding of Cascade Elementary to the project list for the bond.

Eric Bingham is a parent from Mountain View High School. Since 2005 he has been active in the baseball program and in that time has seen a lot of turnover in the coaching staff. He complimented Paul Crossett in his tireless efforts to maintain the baseball field. Mr. Bingham said that several sponsors have opted to not renew because the city continues to take their banners down. The city does not have the restrooms open for school games and they are required to bring in portable toilets. Mr. Bingham asked for the Board's consideration in coming to an agreement with the city about the fields.

Ken Carlson is the baseball coach at Mountain View and has six children who attended the school. He commented that the city currently gets the benefits of owning both fields and the land swap would give ASD control over one of the fields. Mr. Carlson said that the baseball team at Mountain View deserves their own field and that the land swap is the right thing to do.

Jess Christen, Administrator of District Operations and John Spencer, Administrator of 10-12 Schools, met with the parents from Mountain View High to address their concerns.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2016-004 Property Purchase in Lehi

Superintendent Jarman said this resolution was to purchase property for a future school in Lehi. **JoDee Sundberg made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-004 and Debbie Taylor seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution 2016-005 Sewer Easement in Highland City

**Wendy Hart made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-005 and John Burton seconded it.** Scott Carlson amended the motion to clarify that the resolution is a sewer easement and a boundary adjustment. **The amended motion passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution 2016-006 Property Purchase in Vineyard

**JoDee Sundberg made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-006 and Scott Carlson seconded it.** Rob Smith clarified that the IRS 1031 exchange would not cause any problems. He

also explained that ASD requested the well site be moved south. The county parcel map is not correct because it does not reflect the change. The well can be moved further south if needed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Student Excursions for American Fork High School

**John Burton made the motion to approve the student excursions and Debbie Taylor seconded it.** Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the Japan trip. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Naming of New School in Saratoga Springs

Principal Gary Gibb presented the proposed names for the new school in Saratoga Springs. He said that over 300 names and mascots were suggested through the public survey and the following are those recommended by the committee:

- Springside Elementary (owls)
- North Bay Elementary (falcons)
- Desert Springs Elementary (pronghorns)

Board members thanked Principal Gibb for his efforts in gathering community input in a short amount of time. The school name will be decided at the April 19 Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Business Administrator Rob Smith, shared a report on the results of the Legislative session. He said that when Alpine School District's Board is united, it has a lot of power to accomplish good things. Rob also thanked the DCC and PTA for their involvement in the process. He reported that of the seven priorities established by the Board, four were accomplished:

- Three percent was given for the WPU.
- The charter school tax levy will now be listed on the property tax notices.
- Charter school funding will no longer be based on head count, but on average daily membership.
- The equalization and full distribution of SB97 was passed early in the session.

The other priorities will continue to be addressed in the next session. The Board thanked Rob for his efforts.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scott Carlson reported on his recent meeting with the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) and the decision to improve the format of the next cycle of classification alignments. In the next two-year cycle, which begins August 2017, there will be six classifications. The change will affect the smaller schools, including Orem High School. There are other changes that will take effect August 2017:

- High schools that have more than 55% free and reduced lunch can petition to be rated one class lower than their size would normally place them.
- If a high school splits mid cycle and the school population reduces by 50%, they can petition to be lowered one classification.

Brian Halladay participated in a K-12 Online Webinar and one item discussed was the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA) survey. It will be sent out by the Federal Government to parents, teachers and administrators to complete with the purpose of measuring school climate. Brian is concerned about the parent and student involvement and would like to make sure that ASD has good policies in place to ensure that students are not given the survey without prior permission from their parents.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

**John Burton made a motion to move into a closed session and Wendy Hart seconded it. The motion passed unanimously at 7:42 P.M.**

#### MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION – March 29, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a closed session on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at 7:57 P.M. in the media center at Central Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor and Paula H. Hill.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel, property, litigation and collective bargaining issues.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**On motion by JoDee Sundberg and seconded by Scott Carlson, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.**